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PUTNAM COUNTY SKETCHES FROM HARDESTY, ETC.

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Lovinus Reed Yeager

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Born in Mason county, West Virginia in 1852, and in that county was joined in wedlock with Addie Caroline Baker, in 1878, J. A. Blac officiating at the marriage rite. Their children are two, Howard P., born in 1879, and Herschel E., born in 1881. Addie Caroline, wife of Mr. Yeager, was born in Madison county, Ohio, in 1837, daughter of Benjamin Clark and Nancy Baker, who became residents in Mason county, in 1834. Joseph and Sarah Yeager were the parents of L. R. Yeager, both born in this county. His grandfathers, Joseph Yeager and George Schuch, were pioneer settlers in this vicinity, and are remembered here as among those who served the early interests of the county with fidelity. Carret Yeager, brother of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier in the Union army, 9th, West Virginia regiment, and is now receiving a pension for a wound received in the battle of Lloyd Mountain. Lovinus R. Yeager has his residence in Graham district, and is by profession a local school teacher. He has also been for several years a local minister in this district. He was educated at Mount Union College and Otterbein University, both institutions of Ohio, and has devoted his life to educational pursuits. He is a classical senior in the Otterbein University. He may be addressed at Joliton, Mason county, West Virginia.

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Alexander W. Handley

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Born in Monroe county, Virginia, April 1, 1803, his parents, Samuel and Sarah W. (Harman) Handley moved to what is now Putnam county, West Virginia, in 1815. Here, on the 23d of September, 1830, the subject of this sketch was joined in wedlock with Eliza S. Griffin. She was born in Kanawha county, May 25, 1810, a daughter of Zebulon and Frances (Beaumont) Griffin. Her parents, who moved to this vicinity in 1823, have been some years dead, as have the parents of Mr. Handley. The genealogical record of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Handley is as follows: Charles W., born January 1, 1832, lives in Cabell county, this state; America E., December 4, 1833, lives in this district; Alexander G., February 21, 1836, lives in Greenbrier county, this State; Victoria E., October 29, 1838, lives in Red River county, Texas; Virginia F., October 29, 1838, resident of Cabell county; Henry C., May 28, 1841, died January 28, 1864; Benniah F., September 8, 1843, died February 25, 1853; Sarah W., April 8, 1846, resides in Putnam county; Frederic G. L., June 13, 1849, lives in Scott district, this county; John S., November 26, 1851, lives in this district; Joseph F., March 29, 1854, died December 9, 1859. Alexander G., Henry C. and Benniah

served in the Confederate army during the civil war,
Henry in the cavalry and Alexander and Benniah in the infantry
service. Benniah F. died in camp while in service, and
Henry C. was taken prisoner by the Federals, sent to Camp
Chase, Ohio and there died. His body was brought home for
interment. Alexander W. Handley is engaged in agricul-
tural pursuits, having his postoffice address at Scotts
Depot, Putnam county, West Virginia

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George W. Dudding

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Physician and druggist in Hurricane, Putnam county, West Virginia, was born in this State and county, May 22, 1838. He is a son of John Dudding, also born in Putnam county, and still resident here. His mother, whose maiden name was Cassandra Morris is no longer living. May 20, 1874, in Cabell county, this State, Dr. Dudding was joined in marriage bands with Lucretia B. Seashols, and two children bless their union: Emma O., born October 28, 1876, and John S. born May 26, 1878. Lucretia, wife of Dr. Dudding, was born in Cabell county, on New Years Day, 1858. Her parents, who still reside in Cabell county, are John and Lucretia J. (Creath) Seashols. Dr. Dudding taught the first free school established in Putnam county, and his father was the first sheriff elected by the people of Putnam county. Dr. Dudding's address is Hurricane, Putnam county, West Virginia.

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William Edward Fife

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Born in Manawha county, West Virginia, February 7, 1835, has made his home in Putnam county since 1857, and is now prosperously engaged in farming in Buffalo district. His parents were Thomas and Rebecca C. (Estill) Fife, and are now deceased. During the war between the States, William E. Fife was a lieutenant colonel in the Confederate service, for four years, and was an active participant in the battles of the Virginia and Tennessee campaigns during that time. He was wounded at Cedar Creek, being struck in the hip by a minie ball; was also slightly wounded at Cross Lanes, Carrifax Ferry. Before the war Colonel Fife was a lieutenant-colonel of militia, and organizer and inspector of the volunteer militia. He was admitted to legal practice in 1857, and was president of the Putnam county court, 1873-80, and has had no successor. Buffalo, Putnam county, West Virginia, is his postoffice address.

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S. A. W. Handley

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A native of Putnam county, West Virginia, born in Buffalo, March 6, 1849. His parents, Isaac and Elizabeth W. Handley, settled in Harpers when Harpers was then Putnam county, in 1835. Monroe Handley, brother of S. A. W., was a soldier of the Confederate army, during the 1861 war, in Company A, 50th Virginia Regiment, enlisting May 13, 1861, and serving until April 12, 1865. He was engaged in battle at Cross Lanes, Carnifax Ferry, and Fort Donelson; was also with General Floyd in his skirmishes at Big Sewell and Cotton Hill; for the remainder of the war he served as a quartermaster. S. A. W. Handley was the first inhabitant of what is now the town of Sun City, Cass county, Missouri, and in 1871 was mail carrier and then postoffice clerk in that place under his brother, L. I. Handley, who was postmaster there. S. A. W. Handley is now engaged in farming in Buffalo, Putnam county, West Virginia, where he was a freedman.

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George Cooper

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Born in Mason County, West Virginia, in 1803, is one of the oldest men living in Jasper District, where his old age is passing on the farm that was the scene of the trials of his earlier years. His parents, Leonard and Sarah (Tyler) Cooper, have long been dead. He married in Gallia county, Ohio, on the 31st of September, 1877, Elizabeth Sturgeon, who was born in Monroe county, Ohio, October 28, 1848. She was a daughter of William and Nancy (Landis) Sturgeon. Her mother is deceased, and her father now makes his home in this county. The postoffice address of Mr. Cooper is Brighton, Mason county, West Virginia.

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George Chilton Hannan

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Grandson of one of the pioneer settlers of Mason county, West Virginia, his grandfather coming here as the first white settler between Gallipolis and Portsmouth, on the Virginia side of the river. He also ran the first ferry at Guyan. His son, Jesse, was born in Mason county, and married Frances C. Kaugh, and their son, George Chilton, was born November 29, 1841. Jesse Hannan still makes his home in Mason county, but his wife is deceased. On Independence Day, 1867, in Cabell county, West Virginia, George Chilton Hannan and Charlotte H. Faunce spoke the words which joined in one their future lives. Their children are: Charles F., born November 27, 1868; Edward A., May 13, 1872; Jessie C., January 13, 1875; Nora A., January 4, 1878; Georgie C., November 17, 1880. The wife of Mr. Hannan was born in Putnam county, this State, March 4, 1852, and her parents Charles Henry Faunce, now deceased, and John F. (Miller) Faunce, until 3 years ago, in 1884. Mr. Hannan was a volunteer in the "Long Campaign," and served a white, war of 1861, for three years. He has served two years as postmaster at Green Lorton, this county. His business is farming, and his address is Brighton, Mason county, West Virginia.

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Alonzo Hart Rayburn

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Born in Mason county, West Virginia, July 21, 1857, a son of Gilbert Hild and Cassy (Leaver) Rayburn, whose family sketch follows this. Like his father, Alonzo H. Rayburn is engaged in farming, his farm also lying in Cooper district. In this State and county he married Sarah Frances Foglesong, the date upon which their marriage was consummated being September 5, 1878. Two little daughters gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn: Carrie, born October 7, 1879, and Jennie L., born April 2, 1881. The father of Mrs. Rayburn, James Wooddell Foglesong, was born in Mason county, as was his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Lehard. Their daughter Sarah Frances was born July 10, 1855, at their home in this county. Alonzo H. Rayburn may be addressed at Point Pleasant, Mason county, West Virginia.

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Gilbert Bird Rayburn

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Son of James and Mary (Hayder) Rayburn, was born in Mason county, West Virginia, April 10, 1818. Arrived at manhood's estate, he found himself possessed of a team and 30 acres of land valued at \$5.00 an acre. With this start in life, he married on the 25th day of April, 1843, Cassy, daughter of Adam and Mary (Berry) Weaver becoming his wife. Their children have been born as follows: Mary E., January 24, 1841; Sarah C., March 9, 1843; Ruth F., July 27, 1847; Angelina, March 24, 1850; Martha J., September 10, 1852; Granville, February 4, 1855; Alonso E., July 21, 1857; Hattie E., February 9, 1860; Robert E., April 19, 1862; John E., November 24, 1868; Martha J. is deceased; Ruth makes her home in Iowa, and the other children live in Mason county. The parents of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn are deceased. Mr. Rayburn was eight years junior of the year, four years older of the year, and has been two years president of the poor board, which consists of one overseer in each district. He now owns a beautiful farm of 500 acres in Clover District, and deals in cattle; and stock generally. His address is Point Pleasant, Mason county, West Virginia.

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Henry Rayburn

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Son of Henry and Mary (Lurdett) Rayburn, now both deceased, was born in Mason county, West Virginia, in the year 1808. His wife, Nancy Barnett, was br. in the same State and county, in the year 1809, and their lives were united in marriage in Mason county in 1832. The children born of this union were: Mary, Martha, John, William, Ellen, Hannah, Henry, Mark, Cordelia, Susan, and James. John lives in Missouri; Henry, Hannah and Susan, in Mason county; the rest are deceased. Mark was a volunteer in the Federal army during the war between the states, Company D, 13th West Virginia Infantry. He died in the service, of typhoid fever, in Baltimore. William and Mary (Maguire) Barnett, long since deceased, were the parents of Mrs. Rayburn. Henry Rayburn lives on a good farm of his own in Cooper district and receives his mail at Point Pleasant, Mason county, West Virginia.

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son of James and Mary (Rayder) Rayburn, both now deceased, and was born Nov. 24, 1819. He owns an excellent farm in Cooper District which he has acquired by hard labor and good management. He receives his mail, at Flat Rock, Mason Co., W. Va.

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By Lucy Jane Jones 37
516 Main St.

Guyandotte

I was b. Dec. 18, 1891. My parents:
Lawrence (Long) (Lonⁿ) Baker

b.

d.

See

Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Peach
Cr. has the family Bible

My mother:

Gracie Octavia Smith, dau.
of Hansford Adkins, and
Miss Lewanna Smith, dau
of Ballard Smith, above
Ranger on the road above
the depot.

My gr. father Baker was
James Madison Baker. He m.
Emily Jane Moore, dau. of Mrs.
Fannie Moore. (See Bible above)

Also see Mrs. Ellen Baker
Charleston. She lives with her
dau. Emily^{ee} who m. — — ?
m. at Charleston

The Bakers came from Meigs
Co., Ohio, at Middleport

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I met Roy L. Merritt, now deceased
All Merritt brothers are dead. A
sister Mollie Edmonds who lives lives
on 7th Ave. Phone Brady Edmonds.
My phone is 22407.

Roy L. Merritt d. Jan. 9, 1926

He was b. 3-21-1880
at 46, in March 1926

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